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Applicant: Short and Kretz Art Unit: 1761
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Title: RECOMBINANT BACTERIAL PHYTASES AND USES
THEREOF

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed prior to examination of the above-identified application. This Amendment is being filed in response to the Notice to Comply With Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence And/Or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures mailed May 2, 2001.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Applicants respectfully request entry of the initial Sequence Listing following the section labeled "ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION" on page 87. The Sequence Listing is paginated, beginning with page 1.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8	
I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, <u>6-7</u> , 2001 in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.	
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Applicants respectfully request consideration and entry of the amendment prior to examination of this application.

If the Examiner would like to discuss any of the issues raised in the Preliminary Amendment, Applicants' representative can be reached at (858) 677-1456. Please charge any additional fees, or make any credits, to Deposit Account No. 50-1355.

Respectfully submitted,

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